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TODAY'S WEATHER: Light Southeast winds, cloudy with occasional light rain or drizzle at first, coming fair during the afternoon. Noon observations: barometric pressure 1013.8 mbs, 29.84 inches; temperature 75 deg. F; dew point 72 deg. F; relative humidity 80%; wind direction East; wind force 11 knots.

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## Absolute Majority For Gasperi A Possibility

### The Latest Figures

Rome, Apr. 20.—The latest all-Italy figures for the Chamber announced at 10.30 p.m. local time were:  
Christian Democrats—9,554,114 (18.5 percent); Popular Front—6,337,604 (32.1 percent); with the Socialist Unity, National Bloc and the Republicans following in that order.

The latest voting figures for the Senate, in 49,407 out of the country's 41,047 voting districts, were:  
Christian Democrats—9,246,412 (or 47.0 percent); Popular Front—5,882,283 (30.5 percent); Socialist Unity—1,348,511 (seven percent); the National Bloc—1,295,490 (6.8 percent); Republicans—519,172 (2.6 percent); Monarchs—415,458 (2.2 percent); The Italian Social Movement—242,352 (1.3 percent).

The voting represented 97.5 percent of all districts.—Reuter.

### LEADS IN LOWER HOUSE POLL

Rome, Apr. 20.—Signor Alcide de Gasperi, the Italian Premier and leader of the triumphant Christian Democrat Party, was tonight within less than three percent of an absolute majority for the Italian Senate as the last Senate votes in Italy's first general elections since 1925 were being counted.

The latest Senate figures issued by the Ministry of the Interior gave the Christian Democrats 8,161,569 votes, or 47.4 percent of the electorate, and the Communist-led Popular Front 5,382,076, or 31.1 percent.

The latest figures for the Chamber were given as: Christian Democrats 6,388,305 votes and the Popular Front 4,546,538. The results covered 21,726 sections of 41,647 sections for the whole of Italy.

The Chamber results, being announced tonight in increasing numbers, showed that the country had voted for the Lower House as it had done for the Senate.

Scenes of jubilation over the Christian Democrat victory were reported from all over the country.

Investors, not waiting for the final results today took the bull by the horns and both Rome and Milan stock markets experienced heavy buying.

Prices shot up under the influence of the defeat of the Popular Front and the knowledge that, for the next five years at least, private enterprise would remain unhampered in business.

**COMMUNIST "SATISFIED"**

Signor Giacomo Pajetta, Secretary of the Communist Party in Lombardy, told Milan correspondents that he was satisfied with the results, but added that the "whole forces of the Right were mobilised by the Church."

"The Christian Democrats were thus able to increase their vote, but the Parliamentary position will not be greatly unchanged," he added.

The final Senate results for Turin, announced by the Ministry of the Interior tonight, gave the Christian

Democrats a lead of over 20,000 votes in this usually Communist stronghold.

The figures given were: Christian Democrats, 178,240; Popular Front, 156,310; National Bloc, 23,000.

The greatest upset in this voting was in the Turin Flat factory section, where the Christian Democrats turned a defeat at the 1940 elections into a 1,000-vote lead.

In 1946, the Christian Democrats polled 112,148 against a combined Communist and Social vote of 25,025.

The Senate results of 18 out of the 22 electoral districts in Sicily, reported tonight from Palermo, gave the Christian Democrats a more than two to one victory over the Popular Front, the figures being: Christian Democrats, 714,622; Popular Front, 311,407.

### GENOA RESULTS

Complete Chamber results for Genoa, given by the Ministry of the Interior, showed: Christian Democrats, 271,873 votes; Popular Front, 229,794; Socialist Unity Party, 37,250; Republicans, 15,078; National Bloc, 6,595; Social Movement, 4,299.

In 1946, the Socialists and Communists together had double the votes of the Christian Democrats, which gave some idea of the progress the Christian Democrats have made in this area.

The latest results for the Chamber, issued by the Ministry of the Interior, affecting 21,726 sections of 41,047 in the whole of Italy, showed: Christian Democrats, 6,388,305; Popular Front, 4,546,538.

The latest figures for other parties were: Socialist Unity, 950,285; National Bloc, 424,320; Republicans 360,152; Monarchs and Alliance of Labour, 302,303; Italian Social Movement 349,456.

Shortly before the figures were announced, Signor de Gasperi declared: "I was quite sure we should get the relative majority, but I never dreamed, as my opponents did, of obtaining an absolute majority."

It was not clear whether he meant to forecast that his party would now get a clear majority over all rival groupings, in both the Senate and the Lower House, but he added that press predictions had been "far too pessimistic" about their chances.

The voting showed the "political maturity" of the Italian people, he said. This had "a firm desire not to be Bolsheviks."—Reuter.

### Corruption Case Ends

The case in which four Fishery Inspectors were charged with conspiracy and accepting bribes came to an abrupt end this morning when all accused pleaded guilty to some of the charges.

Two men were sentenced to two years imprisonment, and the other two six months.

The magistrate, Mr Clifford, in passing sentence, said he agreed that corruption was rife in Hongkong and he wished to make it quite clear that anyone who indulged in the practice was running a colonial risk and that if they got caught they would not be let off by a Court.

(Full report of the case appears on page 5).



### This Is The Mountain

First picture taken of Mount Everest, which Milton Reynolds expected to find was higher than Everest, but which a Chinese air expedition measured and found to be only 18,000 feet high. The picture was taken by Mr Y. N. Sit, radio operator of the expedition.

## US Ready To Help Keep Order In Palestine

Lake Success, Apr. 20.—The United States was prepared to share in the responsibility of keeping order in Palestine, Mr Warren Austin, the United States delegate, told the Political Committee of the United Nations today.

The Political Committee was beginning the reconsideration of the Palestine problem for which the present special session of the General Assembly was convened.

Mr Austin said: "The United States has raised with certain other Governments the question of joint responsibility for the security of a temporary trusteeship."

He added: "While the United States is prepared to carry its fair share of the United Nations burden involved in such a temporary trusteeship, it is not prepared to act alone in this matter."

Our participation will be conditioned upon the readiness of other Governments to provide similar assistance."

After reviewing the history of the Palestine case in the United Nations, Mr Austin said: "During the period of intensive consultation among the permanent members, the mandatory power, the Palestine Commission and representatives of the Jews and Arabs of Palestine, it was impossible to find the necessary agreement, either among the people of Palestine, or among the members of the Security Council, to permit the implementation of the Assembly resolution (on partition)."

**TIME RUNNING OUT**

Mr Austin declared that the United States was willing to undertake its share of responsibility for the provision of the police forces which are required during the truce and temporary trusteeship along with other members who may be selected by the General Assembly, and who are willing to carry out such a task in accordance with the will of the Assembly and with the provisions of the Charter.

Mr Austin said: "By the middle of March, we recognised that time was fast running out. The only certainty was that grave disorders were occurring daily in Palestine and that even greater bloodshed could be expected after May 15."

"My Government considered that the only decent course lay in the effort to save lives and we found that our colleagues in the Security Council were ready to move in the same direction.—Reuter.

Mr Austin quoted from the report of the United Nations Palestine Commission that "Arab elements, both inside and outside of Palestine, have exerted organised and intensive efforts towards defeating the purpose of the resolution of the General Assembly."

He added: "The primary reason why the General Assembly's resolution of November 29 could not be carried out by peaceful means was the Arab resistance."

**CHARTER VIOLATED**

"Some of this resistance, arising from outside Palestine, is in clear violation of the Charter of the United Nations and must be halted."

"The Jewish Agency for Palestine has demonstrated that it is prepared to accept the resolution of the General Assembly of last November 29 despite the fact that this resolution did not represent the full measure of their claims."

### Boundary Demarcation



SOME of the stones marking the border at Shalukok were displaced by the Japanese, and demarcation work had to be undertaken anew by British and Chinese representatives. This resulted in an agreement signed last week. Picture shows Mr J. A. L. Pearson, of the Talpo Land Office, superintending the survey.

### British Soldiers Marry Germans

London, Apr. 20.—War Minister Emanuel Shinwell told the House of Commons today that 3,400 German women have married members of the British occupation army.

Including those whose husbands are non-army men, he said, a total of 4,694 German women had been admitted to Britain for marriage to British subjects by the end of March.—Associated Press.



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## WOMANSENSE

### ROSES IN AND OUT



### NERVOUS SYSTEM DISORDERS

By Herman N. Bundesen, M.D.

THE great symphony of life in the human body is presided over by the nervous system, which acts just as the conductor of an orchestra does to draw all parts into one harmonious round of action, and to make each contribute its necessary part at the right moment.

By far the greater part of the body's functioning is under the control of the autonomic nervous system, which, by doctors, is divided into two parts, the sympathetic and the parasympathetic. Between them, these two systems regulate the beating of the heart, breathing, the action of the digestive organs, kidneys, arteries, and veins. Thus, it is easy to see that if anything goes wrong with either of these two systems, the resulting trouble is likely to be grave.

#### A New Drug

Recently, we have been given a new drug called nortigemine, which has a beneficial effect in many disorders where the parasympathetic system is at fault. The general effect of this drug seems to lie in the way it stimulates the parasympathetic nerves.

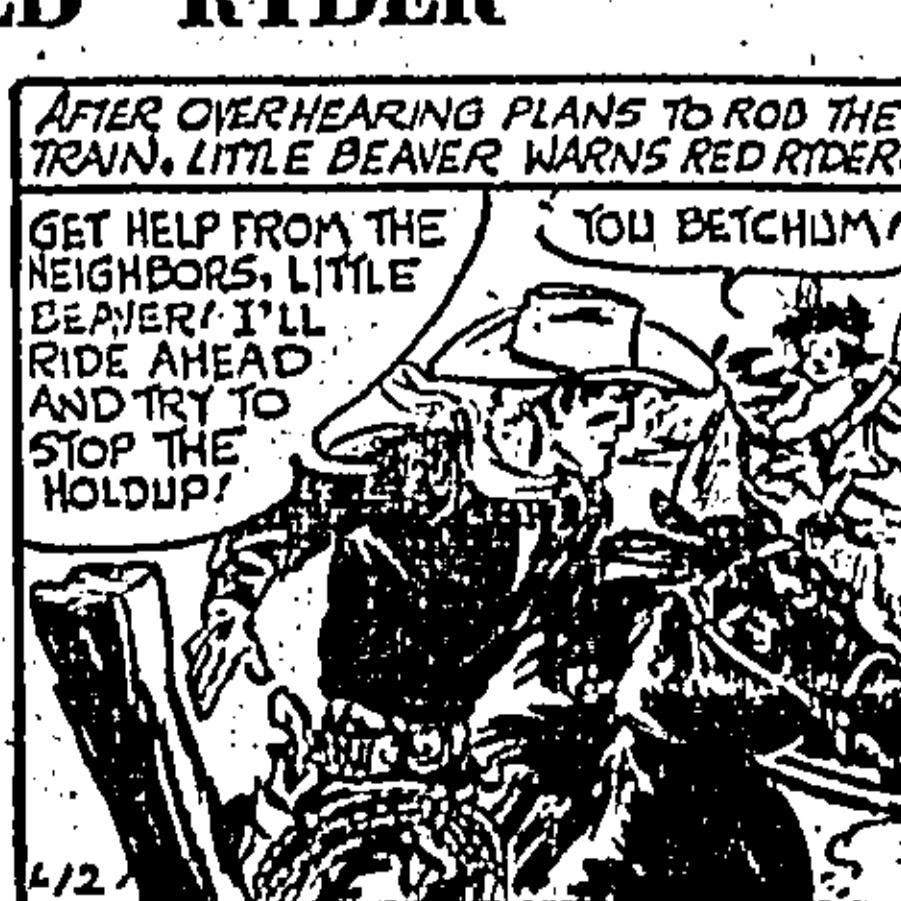
This action on the nervous system, in turn, may aid in overcoming weakness in the muscles of the bladder and gastro-intestinal trouble. It increases the secretion from glands, including the tear glands, the salivary glands, and sweat glands. It dilates or enlarges the tiny arteries, and this improves circulation in certain parts of the body. The preparation may be taken by mouth or may be given by injection into a muscle.

#### Weakness of Muscles

One condition in which the drug has been found especially useful is myasthenia gravis, in which there is a gradual development of weakness of the muscles of the body. The drug helps to overcome such symptoms as difficulty in swallowing, inability to chew, and weakness following body movements, all of which occur in myasthenia gravis.

The value of the drug in this condition may be increased by giving it together with ephedrine and other preparations. While the drug greatly improves the muscle action in this disorder, it does not seem to have any effect in other diseases affecting the movement of the muscles, such as multiple sclerosis and poliomyelitis.

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#### The Holdup



## Bathing Is a Beauty Ritual



A good addition to your bath accessories is a set which includes cologne, powder mitt and bath salts in a uniform scent.

By HELEN FOLLETT

BATHE for health and bathe for pleasure. For fifteen minutes be relaxed, indolent, enjoy a sense of luxury. It may be the only restful, quiet quarter hour in your whole day. Take advantage of it.

To receive the best complexion effects, wash your face before getting into the tub, rinse, dry and anoint with cold cream. Oil and moist hot air combine to form the grandest possible freshening treatment.

Add a few bath salts and have the water warm enough so you can luff up a rich lather when you soap the bath brush. A bath brush is a tub accessory to which every guest after good looks should be addicted. Use it faithfully and vigorously; it is an ally in overcom-

ing gooseflesh and slow circulation.

An alternating hot and cold shower will put ginger in your cheeks. Have a rub down with a coarse towel that takes hold with might and main, so you will get a quick reaction of the circulatory system. Then you can go in for ten minutes' indulgence in bath cosmetics. One nice set has cologne, powder mitt and bath salts in the same scent.

If weather and thin hosiery have combined to roughen the surface of your legs, rub a little non-greasy lotion into the flesh.

You will, of course, give attention to your pink toes, since this is the best time to treat them to a skin lifting with the orange wood stick, and to apply nail polish.

## BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

### RIDDLES

POINTED PUNS

The correct answers to these riddles are printed below upside down. Try to guess the answers before you look.

1. When is vegetable soup likely to run out of the sauceman?
2. What makes a road broad?
3. What has a thousand ties, but no shirt?
4. Does North Carolina have two capitals?
5. What flies, yet has no wings; sings, yet has no voice?
6. What kind of a bush does a rabbit choose for shelter when it is raining?

### ANSWERS



### Willy Toad Has Good News

*—His Cousin, the Frog, Is Getting Married—*

By MAX TRELL

WILLY Toad met Knauf and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-around names and told them he had just heard some very pleasant news.

"My cousin Grumpus is getting married. Isn't that wonderful?"

Hanid smiled. But Knauf said: "Who's Grumpus?"

"What! You don't know my cousin Grumpus? He's a frog. He has a fine, big estate down at the pond. He calls it 'Frog's Landing.' And—Catchfly Farm. He sits all day and all night, too, for that matter) on a flat white rock, just under the willow tree, at the edge of his pond. Yes, he's finally getting married."

Hanid asked Willy who his cousin Grumpus was marrying.

"Another frog," answered Willy. "Her name is Miss Sit-And-Look-Up-At-The-Sky."

"That's a long name," said Knauf. "It's a frog name. You wouldn't expect her to be called Mary or Helen or Charlotte. No, you wouldn't!" Willy answered quickly before Knauf had a chance to say anything.

"I once knew a frog named Loud-Voice-From-The-Ditch. We used to call him 'Loud' for short, and he didn't seem to mind it at all."

"But you have a regular name, Willy," said Knauf.

#### Not Full Name

"I'm not a frog," said Willy. "And besides, Willy isn't my full name. It's only part of it. My full name is Willy Won't-Couldn't-Can't-Catch-A-Bee. My mother and father wanted to be sure that I would always remember, no matter how old I got, not to catch bees instead of flies. I hardly ever do," he added. "But everyone just calls me Willy. Now to get back to my cousin Grumpus, I want to get him and his new wife a wedding present. Well, it took me a long time. But I've just thought of one."

Knauf and Hanid were eager to know what the wedding present was. They couldn't imagine what kind of present you could give to two frogs.

"It wasn't a watch or a ring," said Willy, smiling. "It wasn't dishes, or pots and pans, or furniture, or pictures, or anything like that."

"Then what was it?" Knauf demanded.

"A flat white rock—just like the one that Cousin Grumpus has now. This one will be for his wife to sit on. I'm having it set in right next

to the first one. So that after they're married, they'll each be able to sit all day, (and all night, too, for that matter), one next to the other, catching flies and looking up at the sky."

—A well done.

2-The letter "B", 3-A rabbit.

1-When there's a lock in it.

6-A well done.

5-An ant.

4-The letter "B", 5-A rabbit.

3-A road.

2-A thousand ties.

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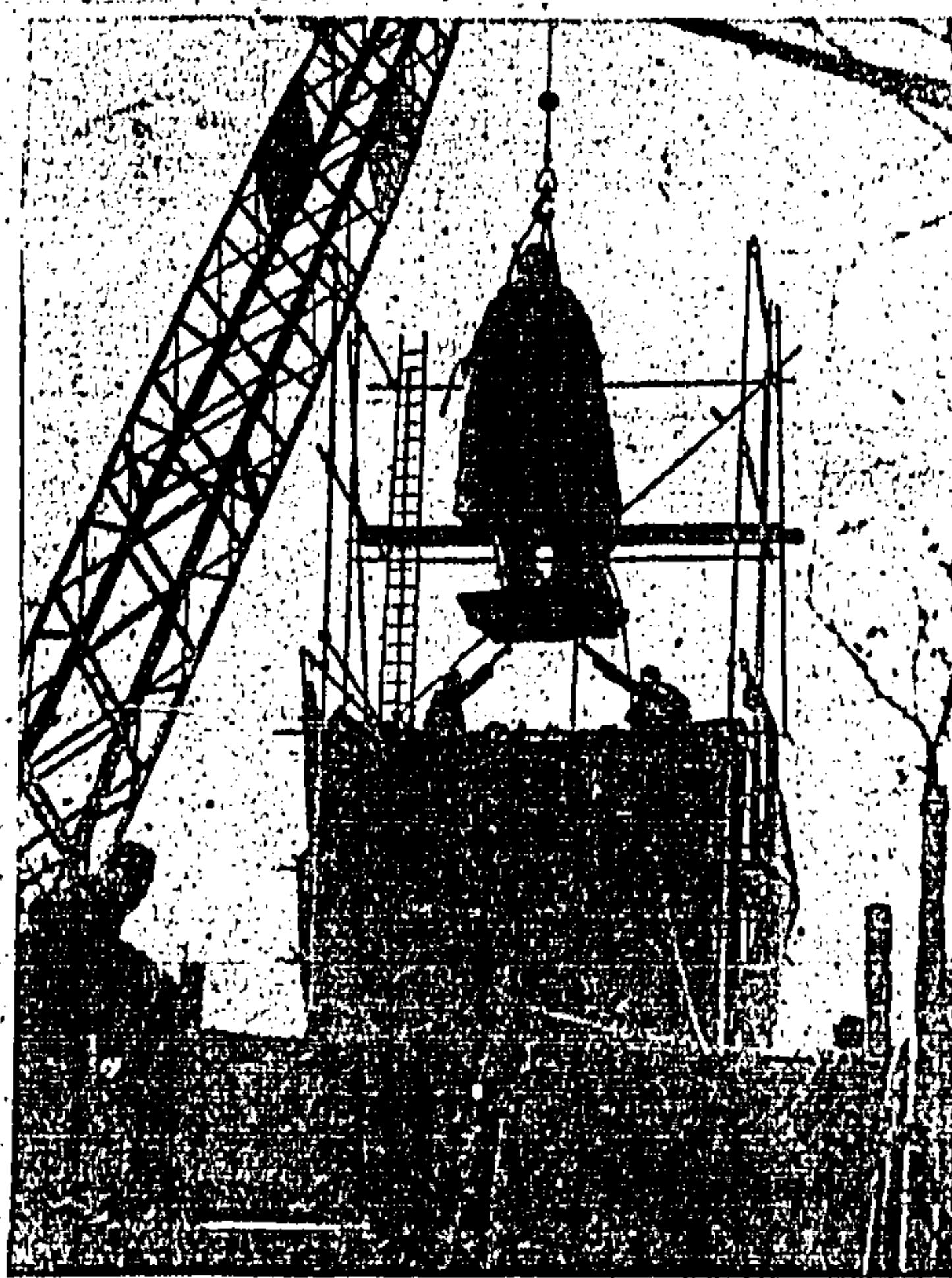
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## WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



GETTING READY TO SMASH ATOMS—The 30-ton top section of a coll tank arrives at Columbia University's nuclear physics research centre at Irvington-on-Hudson, New York. It is part of what reputedly will be the world's most powerful cyclotron, weighing 2,500 tons when completed.



ROOSEVELT MEMORIAL—The bronze statue of the late President Roosevelt is lowered into place for the memorial dedicated to him in London. Mrs Eleanor Roosevelt, wife of the former President, unveiled the statue last week.



HECKLER—Two policemen stand by as a picket heckles an employee leaving the New York Stock Exchange. The Wall Street financial centre kept its quotations going out despite the first strike in its 156-year history.



ACTRESS—Beauteous Doris Day of the films wears a two-piece suit of lastex fabric interwoven with silver thread.



CELEBRATES IN FREEDOM'S NAME—Carlos Bernard of Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, is all set to celebrate Puerto Rico's 50th anniversary as a U.S. possession. The island was liberated from Spanish rule in 1898. Bernard decks his bicycle out with trimmings and flags for the occasion.



TAKE-A-BOW—Ferruccio Burco, eight-year-old Italian musical prodigy, takes a bow after conducting the New York Philharmonic Orchestra in a concert at Carnegie Hall, New York.



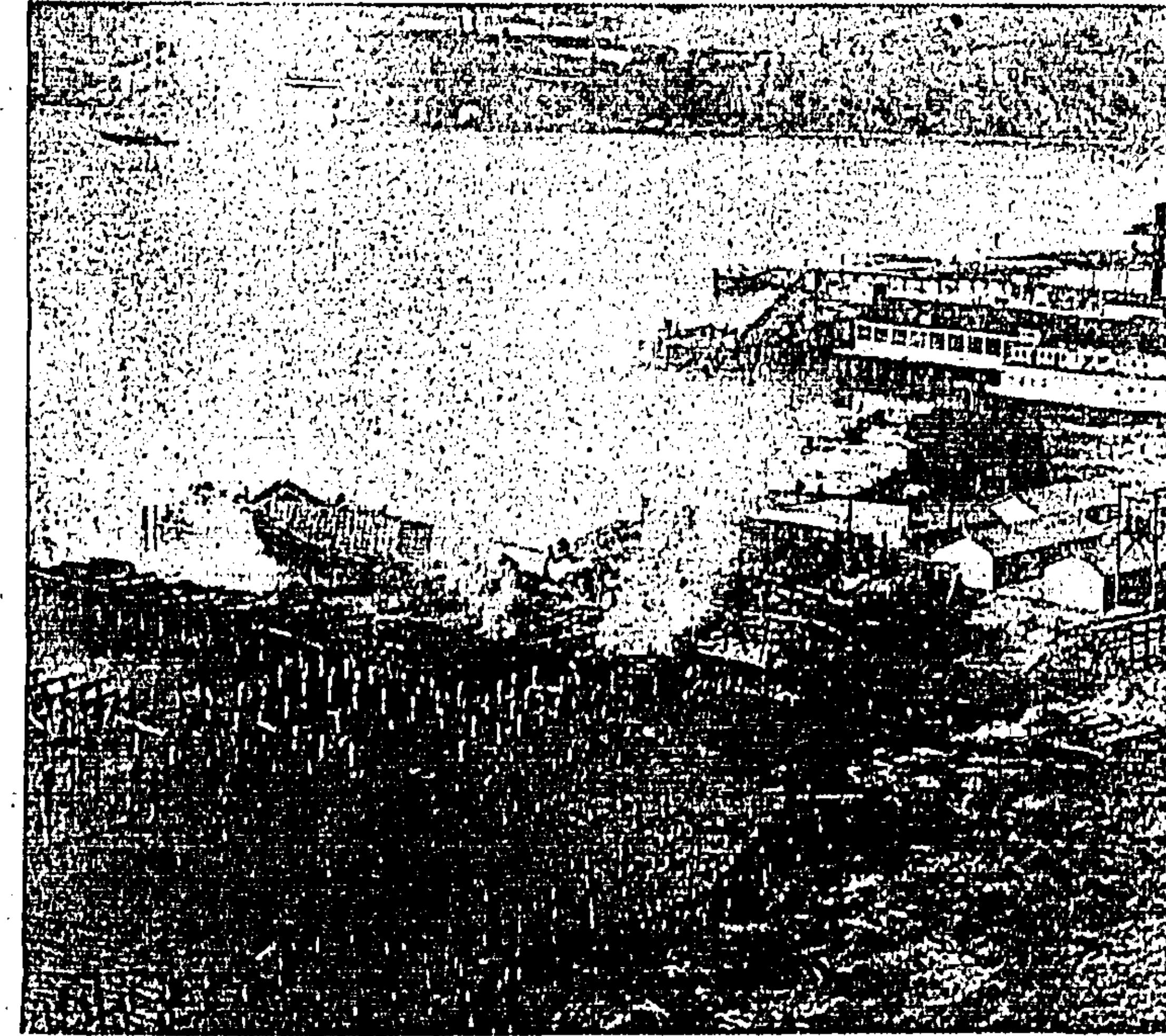
BREAD FOR THE HUNGRY—A Salvation Army truck distributes bread to eager Chinese at the Haining Road Market in Shanghai. Helping to relieve the food shortage, the Salvation Army there gives away each day 1,500 12-ounce loaves of "Men Tou" (steamed bread).

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SMOKED FISH—That's about all that's left after a \$300,000 fish cannery fire at Benicia, California. The flames, fed by fish oil stored within the buildings, destroyed a two-block-long cannery. The fire was so badly out of control that firemen were afraid to risk using the city's drought-depleted water supply, and fireboats had to wait for the tide to rise to get in close enough.

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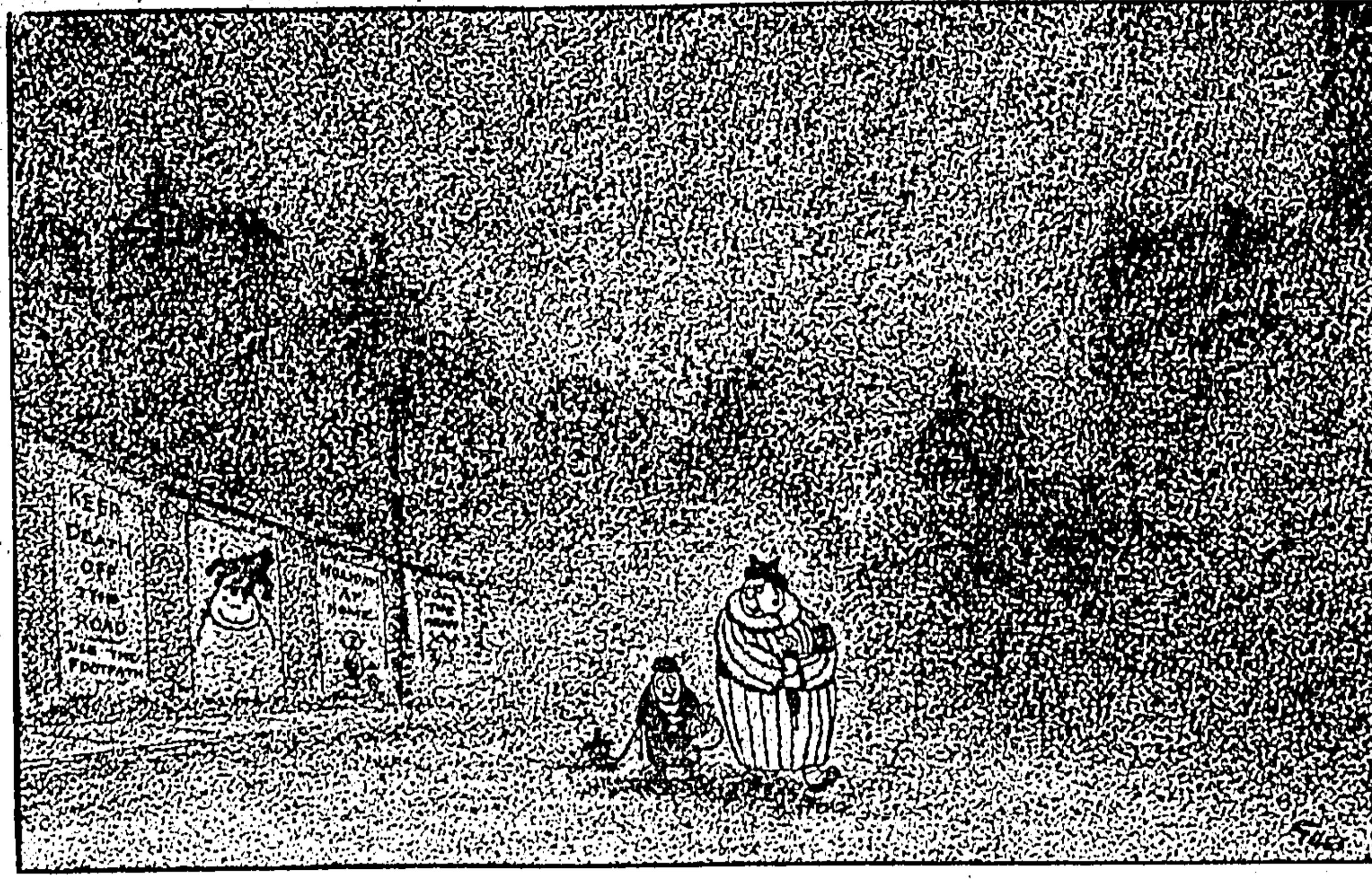
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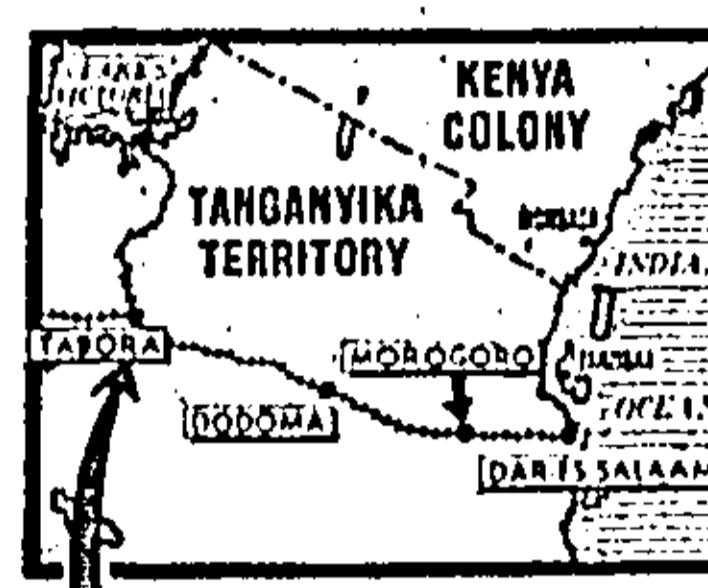
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At this point on the trail  
A one thing becomes clear:  
this great East African  
Empire is no place to have a  
toothache. In all of Tanganyika,  
three times the size of Britain,  
there are seven dentists. There  
are likewise, over all the territory,  
137 doctors.

The Government just  
acknowledged this, with a certain  
quiet pride. Should there be  
trouble from that broken-down  
bicuspid, it is the snake's blood  
and magic bones treatment for  
me.

Let it be said that the body  
and mind get equal treatment.  
In the whole of Tanganyika  
there is no European secondary  
school and enough primaries  
for only about half the children.

One mentions these and the  
following matters in no mood of  
criticism: only because when we  
talk of Colonial Development in  
Africa it is as well to know  
what it is we have to develop.

Development, and how to do  
it. Tanganyika, for instance,  
has just three railways, of  
which only two contrive to  
meet. It is as if Britain had a  
line from London to Bristol, and  
another from Grimsby to Man-  
chester, and that was the finish.

In this enormous lump of land  
there are fewer than 40 miles  
of metalled roads.

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# LANDLORD, TENANT ACT CRITICISED

## Lively Company Meeting

At the 55th Annual General Meeting of the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd., held in the offices of Messrs Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd., this morning, the Chairman, the Hon. D. F. Landale, reported that the important project of erecting a new building on the site known as 11 and 13 Queen's Road, Central, were being held up on account of certain legal proceedings between the tenant and the Company.

As the litigation was still proceeding he refrained from further remarks on this particular case, but made a few general observations on the working of the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance 1947, in regard to development schemes. There was no question, he said, that this Ordinance was having a detrimental effect on the progressive development of the Colony.

Mr N. V. A. Croucher, rising to second the adoption of the report and accounts, also criticised the Ordinance. The net revenue from the Working Account was only slightly higher than that of 1946, and that, he said, was the answer to those who might raise an outcry on the rapacity of Landlords. In these days of inflation he could not think of any other form of business whose hands were tied to the same extent as those of the Landlords. The increase in the rents for which permission was given by Government in July last was clearly insufficient to meet the increased costs of operation, and in fairness Government should make further concessions to Landlords.

The property owned by the Company was occupied in the main by business houses who could well afford additional to their rentals. The Company's properties in the Balance Sheet was \$18 million, a conservative increase of their present day value would be more in the region of \$60 million. On this the net returns, after allowing for amortisation and depreciation was approximately \$700,000, being an increase of only just over one per cent. The Landlords therefore, in the case of this Company at least, were being used to subsidise the Tenants; a state of affairs which he thought should be given due publicity.

### DISCORDANT NOTE

Mr Seth, addressing the meeting said: "I seem to be in the unfortunate position to again strike a discordant note at our Annual General Meeting, but feel compelled to voice my dissatisfaction and the disappointment of a few small shareholders at the recommendations of the Board.

I realise the uselessness of bringing this matter up and only do so to discourage the Directors from imagining that shareholders approve of their policy. We don't approve and, if the majority of smaller shareholders felt they were free to express their views, other shareholders at the recommendations of the Board.

## Fish Laans Case Ends Abruptly

### ACCUSED PLEAD GUILTY & ARE SENTENCED

"I agree with Mr Shafraza that corruption in this Colony is rife everywhere," remarked Mr Clifford at Central this morning when the Fish Laans Case, which commenced on March 22, came to a dramatic end.

Pleas of guilty by all four Fishery Inspectors to some of the charges were accepted by Mr F. W. Shafraza, Senior Police Superintendent in charge of the Anti-Corruption Branch, who conducted the prosecution.

First accused, Chan Kun-kau, represented by Mr Brook A. Bernheim (Instructed by Messrs J. M. d'Almada Remedios & Co.), was sentenced to two years on charges of conspiring with others, between January 3 and 21, 1948, to permit the unlawful sale of marine fish at Central Market; accepting a bribe of \$1,100 from Lau To on or about December 3, 1947; and accepting another bribe of \$80 from To Tal on or about September 3.

The second accused, Kwok Muk-hoi, 39, received similar sentence for the same charge of conspiracy and accepting the \$80 bribe.

Lee Kal-wan, 24, and Tso Wah-hin, 25, were given six months on the conspiracy charge.

The second, third and fourth accused were defended by Mr J. C. Stewart.

Mr Shafraza accepted pleas of not guilty by the accused to two other charges of conspiracy to obtain money to permit the landing and sale of fresh marine fish.

### MAGISTRATE'S REMARKS

In passing sentence, the Magistrate said: "Because of the good characters of the accused (especially on the part of the third and fourth accused), one of the most unpleasant duties a magistrate can have is to sentence people who have up to this time such good references as to character. But having heard so many days of evidence, I cannot help seeing the extent and damage of this conspiracy, seeing that all of the accused were in a position of trust upon which the whole fishery scheme depended. Their sole pay and duty were to enforce that scheme but in fact they did the opposite. Both the first and second accused were the ring leaders in this conspiracy and I think they are lucky that this evidence came up summarily and not on indictment. I think the third and fourth accused came in later on this scheme but I think they agreed to it and fitted into the scheme without any trouble at all with full knowledge."

"I do agree with Mr Shafraza that corruption in this Colony is rife everywhere, and it is up to the Court, when such corruption is exposed, to make it quite clear that anyone does so running a colossal risk and if they do get caught they will not be let off. I sentence the first and second accused to the maximum of two years and I think

they deserve more. I had a mind to sentence the third and fourth accused to nine months but because of their excellent characters I now give them six months each."

### POLICE COMMENDED

Commanding the Police, Mr Clifford said: "I would also like to mention how very much I thought of the Police work in this case. Obviously it involved very, very many hours. Particularly Inspector Johnstone must be congratulated on everything he has done in this case."

Following pleas in mitigation by the defense Counsel, evidence of character was given on behalf of Tso by Major E. G. Stewart, Headmaster of St. Paul's College, who said he had known the accused since childhood and would have trusted him with anything under any circumstances. Tso was a former member of No. 3 Company of the HKVDC.

Other evidence of good character was given on behalf of the first accused by his wife and a friend while Mr Stewart submitted testimonials from the US Army and Mr K. M. A. Barnett, O/C of the 4th Battery, HKVDC regarding the characters of the third and fourth accused.

Defendant and four men came to his stall on March 17 and demanded for \$1,000 as lucky money. When he refused, defendant threatened to kill him.

When defendant came at 9 a.m.

on March 18, his foal Lai Mo caught hold of him and started to blow a Police whistle. A Police constable arrived and took the defendant to Central.

### Alleged Illegal Radio Stations

Two more illegal wireless stations were discovered in Kowloon this week, making the total of five raided by the authority during this month.

The two stations were located at 373 Nathan Road, second floor, and 55 Tak Hing Street.

Leung Chi-ming, 28, a wireless and telephone operator at the first address was brought before Mr Latimer at Kowloon today on charges of maintaining an illegal wireless station and possession of apparatus. He was remanded for three days on a ball of \$10,000.

The raid on the station at Tak Hing Street resulted in the arrest of Lam Kwong, 34, unemployed, charged also before Mr Latimer today with possession of radio communication apparatus and Ho Yiu-tong, 40, unemployed, accused of being the occupier of the premises in which illegal wireless equipments were installed. These two men were remanded for two days on a ball of \$8,000 each.

### Round-world Flyer Delayed

Capt A. A. Mansfield, who is flying round the world in a 210 horsepower Percival Proctor three-seater aircraft and who was expected to arrive in Hongkong this morning, is still in Shanghai, as far as could be ascertained this morning, and his arrival here will be delayed 24 hours.

Capt. Mansfield is attempting to round the world in 9½ days, following the official route marked out by the Federation Aeronautique Internationale, the governing body for air records. The route, covering 25,320 miles, is from London through Iceland, United States, the Aleutians, Japan, China, Shun, India and France.

The Chairman said that the Board would consider the suggestion.

The report and accounts, on being put to the meeting, were passed.

### PAULA BY DENNIS WHEATLEY



Deaths is averted, the studio make-up expert finds the antidote in his laboratory.

### Only 1.84 Ins Of Rain

Just less than two inches of rain fell between midnight and noon today, according to Royal Observatory readings.

The actual rainfall registered was 46.7 millimetres, which is equivalent to 1.84 inches.

The forecast points to only light drizzle this afternoon with the weather clearing towards the evening.

### Demand For \$1,000 Leads To Prison

Sentence of nine months' hard labour was imposed on Lai Chi-chu, 33, unemployed, by Mr d'Almada.

Min on March 17, Det. Insp. Hui Hung-cheong said

on the evening of March 17, defendant together with four others not custody went to the complainant at the Central Market and asked for \$1,000 as "lucky money". When the complainant refused, it was alleged that defendant threatened to cause him a lot of trouble and left. Defendant returned the following morning and was arrested.

Complainant in evidence said he was the master of the Tsui Yuen fruit stall in Central Market. Some time in 1948 he married a clams woman Lai Chun in the country, and a daughter was born to the issue in January 1947.

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### Death Sentence For PC Slayer

On April 20.—The first death sentence, since the House of Commons last week decided to abolish capital punishment for murder, was passed tonight on Donald George Thomas, 22-year old Army deserter, found guilty of slaying a police constable.

The Judge said: "The sentence of the court upon you is the sentence prescribed by law—namely, that you suffer death by hanging". The sentence, however, will not be carried out. It will be commuted to penal servitude for life.

When the Bill abolishing the death penalty for murder for five years becomes law, the sentence will be reduced simply to "imprisonment". In passing sentence, the judge—for the first time at a conviction for murder—did not wear the accustomed black cap.—Reuter.

### TWO EUROPEAN VAGRANTS

Two European seamen, William George, 26, and Karl Backman, 22, were committed to the House of Detention by Mr d'Almada at Central this morning for being vagrants in the Colony.

Sub-Inspect. R. H. Woodhead of the Immigration Department asked the Court to detain the defendants until such time as the Authorities could obtain passage on a ship for their removal from the Colony.

### "They Swore At Me" Complaint

Berlin, Apr. 20.—Colonel Alexis Yelisarov, the Soviet Deputy Commandant of Berlin, accused his British and American colleagues at today's session of the four Deputy Commandants of the city of "swearing" at him instead of finding logical answers to his statements.

The Soviet representative answered the Western Deputies' criticism of the present enormous backlog of parcel post, which is piling up in Berlin post offices because of the Russian refusal to move it out of the city.

In partial explanation, he said that the present system of parcel post, despatch violated an Allied Control Authority ruling forbidding the movement of rationed foodstuffs from the city.—Reuter.

### Good Year For Vibro Piling Co.

#### Dividend And Bonus

A dividend of fifty cents per share and a bonus of \$3 per share, distributed in the form of new shares credited as fully paid-up, were announced at the 13th Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders of the Vibro Piling Co., Ltd., held at York Building yesterday.

Major S. M. Churn, Chairman, said:

It is a source of great pleasure to me to be able to refer to the Profit & Loss Account for the period under review and to point out that it shows a net profit of \$102,000 after making full provision for Depreciation, Directors' Fees and Corporation Profits Tax.

I think this very excellent showing fully justifies the faith I had in our Company when at our last meeting I observed that all things being equal, we should get a very fair share of such piling work as may be offered.

Turning to the Balance Sheet, I think the glowing result of the period renders unnecessary any lengthy explanations for the very considerable sum of \$255,775 which has been expended on Plant and Machinery during the period, beyond remarking that without the expert knowledge of our Technical Manager, Mr Blackmore, it is very questionable whether we would ever have been able to put together the bits of plant and equipment which we recovered on the re-occupation of the Colony, into two first-class working units with very many more useful years of life before them. The rehabilitated plant, as well as the new one which was imported towards the end of last year, have all been engaged in piling work almost unrelentingly. If we can continue to obtain work at the rate we are doing just now, another excellent showing at the end of this year seems assured.

#### CAPITAL INCREASE

Our Investment on First Mortgage in the sum of \$25,000 has been re-paid, and of the amount of \$100,000 Debts shown at \$70,100, only \$17,150 remains outstanding in the nature of retention monies on completed contracts.

As announced in the press sometime ago, your Directors have considered the question of increasing the capital of the Company to such an extent as to enable operations to be carried out without having to resort immediately to overdraft facilities which the Company enjoys with its Bankers. The Board will soon offer to shareholders one new share at par for every four shares held after taking into account the issue of the bonus shares. The offer price will be circulated to shareholders in due course.

With these observations, Gentlemen, I formally propose the adoption of the Report and Accounts as presented; and further

1. That a dividend of 50c per share absorbing \$16,150 be paid.

2. That a bonus of \$3.00 per share on the 32,300 issued shares of the Company be and the same is hereby declared; and that the Directors be and they are hereby authorized to satisfy such bonus by the distribution of 32,300 ordinary shares of the Company, Nos. 32,301 to 64,000 (inclusive) credited as fully paid-up amongst the persons who on the 21st day of April 1948 were registered as holders of the 32,300 shares of the Company at the rate of one share for every one share of the Company held by such person as aforesaid and in satisfaction of such bonus as aforesaid, and that such shares shall rank for dividend pari passu with the existing shares.

3. That there be carried forward to a new Profit & Loss Account the sum of \$9,705.26.

The motion was seconded by Mr H. D. Page and was carried unanimously.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

Sir Robert Kotewall was re-elected a Director on the motion of Mr F. E. d'Almada Remedios, seconded by Mr E. W. Blackmore, and Messrs Lowe, Bingham & Matthews were re-elected Auditors on the motion of Mr E. J. M. Churn, re-elected by Mr Lam Shu-chuen.

Directors present were, Major S. M. Churn (Chairman), Mr J. J. Bago, Sir Robert Kotewall and Mr F. E. d'Almada Remedios (Secretary).

Shareholders present were Messrs E. W. Blackmore, E. J. M. Churn, H. D. Page & Lam Shu-chuen.

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## Java's Second Best A Match For Ip

### TSUIS IN FINE FORM

Though they did not come near to swamping their Hongkong opposition in the exhibition tennis matches on the HKCC courts yesterday afternoon, Java's Chinese tennis left the suggestion behind them that the standard in Java is higher than it is here.

They were playing on grass, a bit of an adventure in adjustment for players used to hard courts, and were recuperating also from a sea voyage that had not been smooth sailing all the way.

Yet, Java's Chinese second string, Tam Lip-chiao, who comes from Pillar in the island's interior, took the second set of his exhibition game against the Colony Champion, Ip Koon-hung, at 6-3 after losing the first at 4-6. It was evident that he was only getting into his stride and would have started favourite in a third set.

In fairness to Ip it must be said that he wasn't at his best. Tam's game, radically different in style from anything served up in local tennis, put him off and he seemed non-plussed on how to deal with a fast forehand topspin against which advances to the net were a risk.

In the doubles exhibition against the remaining Java Doubles Champions, the brothers Lee Boon-swan and Lee Boon-sing, who come from Sourabaya, the Colony's Doubles Champions, the Tsui brothers, were rock-solid and outlasted the Lees' shock tactics to win at 7-5, 6-2.

#### MISS TAM v. MISS KENT

Miss Dawn Kent, the Colony Ladies' Singles Champion, won easily at 6-2 against Miss Tom Klen-sieh of Cheribon, the Java first string. Miss Tam had been put out more than the others by the sea trip and it was a sporting gesture on her part that she turned out for one set.

However, in a game with both players at their best I would say the odds remain in Miss Kent's favour. Miss Tam had little variety to her strokes and her drives lacked the sting that Miss Kent imparted to hers. Possibly Miss Tam would have had a more forceful service but she was in top condition and would have retrieved better. It is a doubtful point that she is the better all-rounder.

The Java champion had the first service and led 40-15, then taking the game after one deuce was called. Miss Kent need her on her first service and again on the sixth but one deuce was again called before she took the game.

In the third game, Miss Kent outdrove her opponent and took the next one as well, one deuce being called in either game. The fifth game went to three deuces but Miss Kent took it to lead 4-1 and, the sixth on her own service, that included one more ace, with the loss of only one point.

The seventh game went to Miss Tam after one deuce and the last to Miss Kent, who aced her opponent for the first point, outdrove her for the second, outvelleyed her for the third, conceded a point on a double fault and won the last one when Miss Tam drove out of court.

#### TAM v. IP

The game between Tam and Ip gave the gallery its money's worth. It was a struggle between two different types of strategy.

Ip played his usual follow-up to the net game after a hard drive, varying his strokes and winning points on good placing.

Tam was a hard driver on the forehand. His backhand lacked sting, but he placed the ball well on it and forced a defensive lob in return. Ip tried to overcome this by catching the ball at the net but it was never a certainty that he could judge it well enough at an angle and he lost points in trying.

Tam found it difficult in the early stages of the first set to adjust his stroke for the rebound from the grass for topspin returns and the ball kept lodging in the net some three or four inches short of over.

Tam led 30-love on his own service in the first game but conceded it after one deuce. Ip took the next game to level net and his opponent on the third service.

In the third game Tam was already adjusting himself to a piledriver type of topspin that just skimmed the net and was hard to return. He took the game at 50-30.

Ip's initial response to the topspin drive was an effort to give the Java player a minimum opportunity for the stroke and in some hard-driving volleys he managed to bring the score to two-all, off his opponent's service.

Tam lacked good acting service but his fast-rising not skimmers were not easy to kill and Ip's long lobs in return played to his forehand. When he held his length his topspin drive remained a winner and he took the fifth game at 50-15 to lead 3-2.

On his own service Ip took the next game after one deuce for three-all. The last few games of the set were scrappy, Ip, though he

## BROOKLYN GETS NEW BACKSTOP



Jackie Robinson (left), who played first base for the Brooklyn Dodgers last season, gives a few pointers to rookie Roy Campanella (right) at the Vero Beach, Florida, training camp of the Dodgers. Campanella went to Brooklyn from Montreal and is slated to see action with the team this season.—AP Wirephoto.

## BASEBALL

### BROOKLYN DODGERS BEAT GIANTS IN FEATURE GAME

New York, Apr. 20.—In the National League, the Brooklyn Dodgers defeated the New York Giants in the feature of the big opening day schedule.

Third baseman Billy Cox hit a two run homer for the Dodgers in the eighth inning, driving in Larry Jansen.

Catcher Jim Hegan rapped a two run homer for the Indians in the fourth inning.

The scores were:

#### NATIONAL LEAGUE

	R	H	E
Brooklyn	7	11	2
New York	6	8	0
(Winning pitcher Rex Barney)			
Boston	3	0	0
Philadelphia	3	3	0
(Winning pitcher Dutch Leonard)			
Chicago	2	0	0
Pittsburgh	3	8	0
(Winning pitcher Rip Sewell)			
Cincinnati	0	10	3
Saint Louis	4	11	0
(Winning pitcher Murry Dickson)			

#### AMERICAN LEAGUE

	R	H	E
Saint Louis	0	2	2
Cleveland	4	11	0
(Winning pitcher Bob Feller)			
—Associated Press.			

## CHESS

### PARIS TOURNEY Patty Upset By Unknown

Paris, Apr. 20.—Lennart Bergelin (Sweden) defeated Paul Feret (France) 8/6, 6/4 in a fourth round game in the men's singles when the International Championships of Paris were continued today, and so entered the quarter-final stage.

In the same round, there was a major upset when Budge Patty, of America, seeded No. 2 to the French ex-champion, Marcel Bernard, was eliminated by Heinri Boelli (France) 9/7, 6/4.

Fagnon Kukuljevic (Yugoslavia) beat P. Remy (France) 6-2, 7-5 in the third round, and qualified to meet Keres in the next stage.

In an All-French fourth round game, H. Abdesselam, the No. 6 seeded pinner, beat Christian Boussois 6-1, 6-3.

Torsten Johansson, of Sweden, entered the quarter-final stage with a straight set victory by 6-4, 6-2 against George Viziru, of Rumania.

The French veteran, Henri Cochet joined the last eight after a three-set battle with his compatriot, Roger Dubre, Cochet winning 3-0, 6-2, 6-1, and so qualifying for a meeting with Bergelin, of Sweden.—Reuter.

#### SEDCMAN FAVOURED

Melbourne, Apr. 20.—Official Australian lawn tennis rankings released today placed the newcomer, F. Sedgman, above the Davis Cup players, Geoff Brown and Colin Long, in the men's division.

The ranking were: A. K. Quist, Jack Bromwich, Bill Sewell, E. Sedgman, Geoff Brown, Colin Long, J. Gilchrist, J. Dart, L. Brindle and R. McCarthy.

Rankings in the women's divisions were: Mrs. Nancy E. Bolton, Mrs. M. Long, Miss M. Davis, Miss M. Toomey and Miss D. Whitaker.—United Press.

## CHANGE IN VENUE

Paris, Apr. 20.—The international six-days motor cycling trials will now be held in Italy, beginning September 10, instead of in Czechoslovakia.

The International Motor Cycle Federation, announcing this change, said the Czechoslovakia Motor Cycle Federation declined to organise the event.—Reuter.

## BADMINTON

### Challengers Fade Out

There were three close struggles for game point in yesterday's Colony Badminton Championship matches at the Club de Recreio but challengers faded out without any match going to three games.

In the Senior Singles, C. Au led seeded Patrick Wong 13-8 in the first game only to have the ex-champion win 10 points in a row on a single service. He was swamped in the second game at 15-4.

Wong was in grand form with his cross-court drop shots and will be a formidable challenge to University's S. A. Vanar in the semi-final.

#### RESULTS

Scores were:

**SENIOR SINGLES**  
S. A. Vanar (University) beat D. Kwok (St. John's) 13-7, 15-6.

Patrick Wong (Sling Tao) beat C. Au (Sing Tao) 13-13, 15-4.

**JUNIOR DOUBLES**

W. K. Ying (Chinese YMCA) and S. C. Liung (Chung Wah) beat J. L. Anderson and A. L. Fisher (KCC) 15-4, 15-7.

K. S. Thong and T. H. Choo beat C. Y. and W. K. Ying 15-6, 15-11.

S. Saul and W. Gilles (KCC) beat H. A. Barros and P. A. Yvanovich (Recreio) 15-13, 15-8.

#### TONIGHT'S GAMES

Tonight's programme, at the Kowloon Cricket Club, is:

7.30 p.m. (Junior Men's Doubles)

A. Ho & K. F. Chiu v. W. K. Ying & S. C. Liung.

8.00 p.m. (Junior Men's Doubles)

A. D. Brown & J. A. Sonres v. A. Bayot & F. M. Ribeiro.

8.30 p.m. (Mixed Doubles) R. Tay & Miss W. Cheung v. W. C. Chung & Mrs Chung.

9.00 p.m. (Junior Men's Doubles)

W. Lawrence & C. Quinn v. S. Saul & W. Gilles.

9.30 p.m. (Mixed Doubles) R. Young & Miss U. Khoi v. W. F. Foo & Mrs T. W. Tso.

#### HOME FOOTBALL

### Charlton Stave

### Off Relegation

London, Apr. 20.—Charlton Athletic, by scoring a brilliant win against Burnley tonight, made sure of retaining a place in the First Division for the next season.

Thirty thousand spectators watched the game which produced no goals until the first few minutes of the second half, when Vaughan, in as many minutes, netted two.

Charlton's defence was brilliant and this inspired their attack as the game progressed.

One of the highlights came when

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## SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith

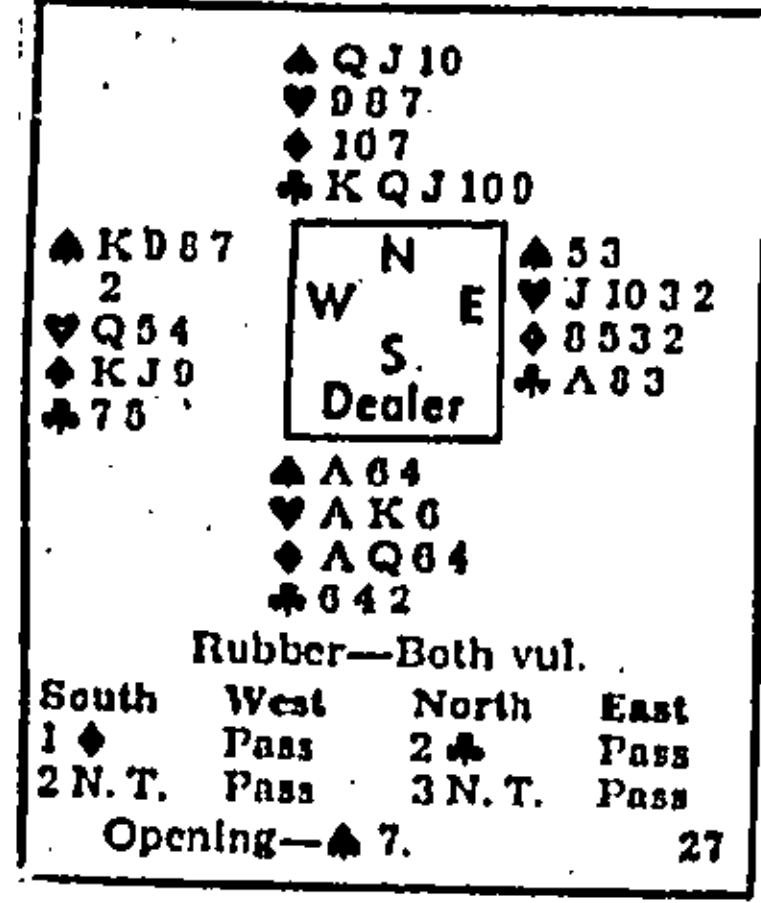


"If they suggest bridge, let's change the subject—they are the only relatives you've got that I don't enjoy fighting with!"

## McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

Overtake of First Trick Keys 3 N.T.

By WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY



I HAVE just received an unusual and interesting bridge book entitled "Sure Tricks" by Ivar Andersson of Stockholm, Sweden, and others. It includes some hands originated by Mr. Coffin.

Today's hand is problem No. 249 in the book. The natural tendency at trick one would be to let dummy's ten of spades hold the first trick, but let us see what happens if you do.

You lead the king of clubs from dummy and East plays low. He does the same thing on the queen of clubs, and you continue with the third club. East wins this trick and leads a spade. If you play low, West will win with the king of spades and you are stuck in your hand with the spade ace.

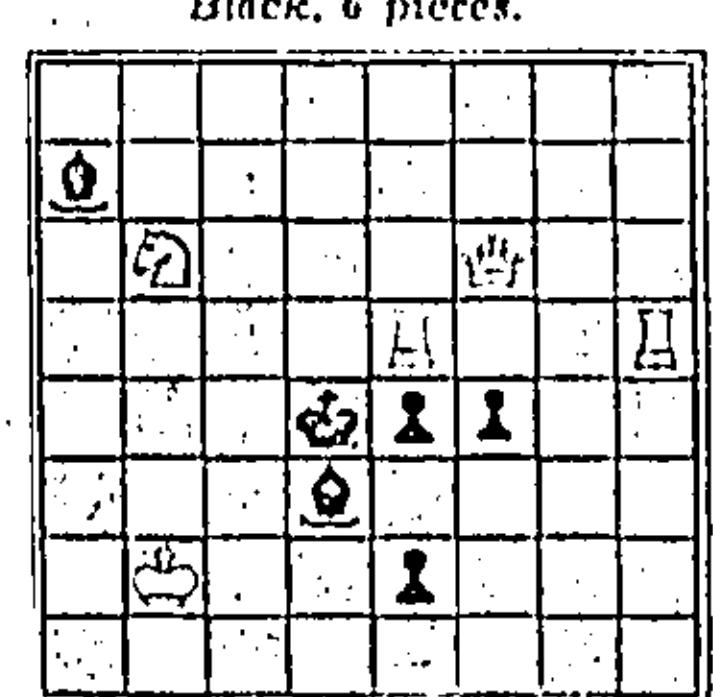
Declarer's correct play at trick one is to overtake the ten of spades with the ace, and then lead clubs. Even though East refuses to win until the third round there is nothing he can return that will do a great deal of harm. If he leads a diamond, West will win the trick with the jack, but eventually he must let you into dummy with a spade.

After winning the third round of clubs with the ace, East in all probability would lead a spade, and West would be helpless. If he wins with the king and returns a spade, dummy's queen wins. If he ducks the second spade, declarer wins with the queen in dummy and cashes the other two spades.

He does not bother with the diamond finesse. He just cashes his nine tricks—two spades, two hearts, a diamond and four clubs.

## CROSS WORD

By M. HAVEL  
Black, 6 pieces.



White to play and mate in three.  
Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. P-K4, any; 2. Q, or K mate.

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2. A jewel to repair. (4)  
3. A dry sort of raid. (4)  
4. An flea lit to the dog. (6)  
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# Soviets Adopt An Injured Tone

## ATTEMPTED KIDNAPPING IN VIENNA SEQUEL

Vienna, Apr. 20.—A threat to sever completely their co-operation with the Americans in Austria unless American officers and men, alleged to be guilty of "provocation" against Soviet officers after yesterday's kidnapping incident in the American sector, were "strictly punished" at once, was made by the Soviet authorities here tonight.

Meanwhile, the American authorities in Austria have made a triple protest today to the Russian authorities over an attempt by three Russian officers yesterday to arrest a German girl living in an American displaced persons' camp. General Geoffrey Keyes, the American commander, sent a letter to General Vladimir Kurasov, the Soviet High Commissioner, protesting against the Russians' entering the American zone "to make an unauthorised arrest of a woman," bringing loaded weapons into the American Zone, and against the action of Captain Kushin, the Russian Assistant Provost Marshal, in "obstructing the United States Provost Marshal in the execution of his duty."—Reuter.

### OFFICIAL PROTEST

Vienna, Apr. 20.—Lt.-Gen. Geoffrey Keyes, U.S. Commissioner for Austria, today officially protested against the abortive Russian at-

### NOTICE

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED

### Notice To Shareholders

### ADOPTION OF NEW ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

Notice is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of this Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, 28th April, 1948, at 12.15 p.m. or at such time as the Ordinary Annual Meeting of Members to be held at the same place at Noon shall terminate, for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following Special Resolution:

"That the New Articles of Association produced to the Meeting, and for the purpose of identification subscribed by David Fortune Landale, Chairman of the Company and of the Meeting, be adopted as the Articles of Association of the Company in substitution for and to the exclusion of all existing Articles of Association of the Company."

A copy of the Proposed New Articles can be inspected by any Shareholder at the Offices of the Company during the usual office hours.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
C. E. TERRY,  
Manager and Secretary,  
Hongkong, 5th April, 1948.

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Closing of Transfer Books  
Notice is also given that the Register of Members and Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 15th April, 1948, to 28th April, 1948, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
C. E. TERRY,  
Manager and Secretary,  
Hongkong, 5th April, 1948.

### Author Sent To Gaol

Melbourne, Apr. 20.—Robert Sharp Close, 44, author of the novel "Love Me Sailor," was sentenced at Melbourne today to three months in gaol and fined £100 on charge of having published an obscene libel. On a similar charge the publishers of the book, Georgian House Proprietary, Ltd., were fined £500. Sentence was imposed in Melbourne Criminal Court.

Judge Fred Martin told Close he regarded his book as a gross assault on the morality of the community.

"Love Me Sailor" is the story of the thoughts and life of the crew of a sailing ship on which one woman is a passenger.

During the trial Close denied that the novel contained obscene matter. He admitted there was a sex atmosphere but said that it was necessary to give a true picture of how characters behaved and acted in certain circumstances.

The entire novel was read to the jury during the proceedings.—Associated Press.

### Britain's March Trade Figures

London, Apr. 20.—Britain's import and export values for the month of March this year were the highest for 27 years and the unfavourable visible trade balance was largest since September last year, according to the Board of Trade figures issued today.

Imports for March totalled £178,200,000 and exports totalled £121,000,000 and re-exports totalled £6,100,000, giving an unfavourable balance of £51,100,000.

Allowing for price increases since 1938 the volume of exports for the month of March this year is estimated at 120 per cent of 1938 which is a record high percentage.

The largest increase in value was for vehicles, which exceeded £20,000,000.

Coal exports rose nearly 30 per cent in value and one-third in volume over the previous two monthly average.

Textile exports decreased slightly to £22,200,000.

Food, drink and tobacco imports increased by £17,500,000 and accounted mainly for import value for March.

The unfavourable trade balance for March was £19,900,000 greater than in February this year.—United Press.

### MAKES MEAT TASTE MEATIER

Chicago, Apr. 20.—Monosodium glutamate makes meat taste meatier.

Food expert M. J. Bish said the chemical is growing more popular in United States restaurant cooking but the average housewife has not heard of it to benefit from its use. He said monosodium glutamate has no taste of its own but it makes the taste of natural flavours in foods stronger.

But if the food tastes terrible, monosodium glutamate makes it taste worse.—United Press.

### 198 Suicides In Four Months

Tokyo, Apr. 20.—The Metropolitan Police Board reported today that 198 Japanese committed suicide in Tokyo since the beginning of the year and said one of the chief reasons for the suicides was frustration over affairs.

The board said 130 men and 68 women took their own lives, indicating the women do not take their love as seriously as men—if the police board's idea about suicide causes is correct.—United Press.

### THREE JAPANESE EXECUTED

Shanghai, Apr. 21.—Three Japanese Gendarmerie officers stationed in Indo-China during the war were executed by firing squad here yesterday afternoon for a long list of war-time atrocities inflicted on Overseas Chinese.

Arrested after V-J Day by the Chinese authorities, they were sent to Canton for trial by the War Crimes Military Tribunal, which sentenced them to death.—Reuter.

### New U.S. Services Draft Bill Proposed

Washington, Apr. 20.—A bill to draft men of 18 through to 25 was introduced by Representative Walter G. Andrews, New York Republican, and chairman of the House Armed Services Committee.

The measure is the first to reach either House or Senate since President Harry Truman asked for temporary selective service and universal military training as part of the preparedness programme.

The Andrews bill would: Call on men from 18 through to 20 to register for the draft. Make men 18 through to 27 eligible for actual service.

Set a ceiling of 2,000,000 men for all armed services.

Proposed ceilings for each Service—Army 837,000; Navy, 550,000; Marine Corps, 111,000; Air Force, 502,000.

Drafting of men would start 90 days after the President signed it into law.

The bill differs slightly from the one being studied by the House Armed Services Committee, of which Mr. Andrews is chairman. The new bill listed a provision to grant full benefits of the G. I. Bill of Rights to men in the new draft.

It also "freezes" all reserves. This means no man of draft age will be

## Partition Of Germany Virtually Certain

### IMPORTANT SIX-POWER MEETING

London, Apr. 20.—Well informed political quarters in London consider that the London Conference on Germany, attended by Britain, France, the United States and the three Benelux powers, which was resumed here today, may complete the partition of Germany, on whose brink the four occupation powers have hovered for so long.

Today's meeting, it was thought, would be largely taken up with discussing the agenda, after which the first question likely to be dealt with was the procedure for merging the French Zone of occupation in Germany with the British and United States Zone.

To the Allied powers by a newly-negotiated occupation statute.—Reuter.

### REVISED AGENDA

London, Apr. 20.—The delegates to the six-powers Conference on Germany, which resumed in London today, fixed a revised agenda on these lines:

1.—The association of the Benelux countries in the policy on Germany.

2.—The role of the German economy in the economy of Europe as a whole, and the control of the Ruhr.

3.—The evolution of the political and economic organisation of Germany.

4.—Provisional territorial arrangements.

5.—Security towards Germany.—Reuter.

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Costa Rica's New Pres.

Santos Leon Herrera assumed office

as interim President of Costa Rica

today, replacing President Teodoro

Pleito, under terms of an agree-

ment ending the country's civil war.

It is understood that censorship

will end tomorrow.

The agreement includes amnesty

provisions, disarming and demili-

tarisation of the forces of Pleito's

government.

Jose Figueres, who appears to

have emerged victorious as the

leader of the rebels, is remaining in

Cartago until terms of the agree-

ment are settled.—Associated Press.

COAL MINE DEATH TOLL 14

Lille, Apr. 20.—The official toll

rose to 14 dead or missing today

from a dust explosion on Monday

night in a Sallamines coal mine,

where 305 men were working.

It included two 19-year-old Polish

girls employed as sorters at the pit

head, who were last seen wrapped

in flames that shot out of the draft.

Others identified were four Ger-

mans released for mine work, six

Frenchmen and two Poles—one only

16 years old and the other a father

of seven children.—Associated Press.

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